

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to show a controversial documentary that is expressly negative towards John Kerry seem to be to a direct attempt to influence voters and change voting behavior. Furthermore its legality appears to be questionable. Being forced to pre-empt their regular programming and show this film is evidence of what can happen and will continue to happen, if left unchecked, in the age of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. They have a responsibility to democracy and not particular political parties or economic interests. People throughout the country and of all persuasions are becoming increasingly distressed by the blatant disregard for our country's interest. We see what is happening and will not stand idly by as yet another liberty is taken away from us or another aspect of the peoples' government corporatized.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you.